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VETERANS WANTED BY **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** **DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL**

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Long Beach, CA... Medical experts have long agreed that the therapeutic effect a loving pet has on its owner ranges from subtle to profound. Couple that with having an exercise buddy or a pet to provide assistance with tasks (physically or emotionally), and pets rank pretty high on the friends and family list.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control is making a concerted push to notify all Military Veterans, past and present, of a No Cost Pet Adoption program called **Pets to Patriots**. This program goes through the end of January, 2012 and all County Animal Care Centers are participating. **Pets for Patriots** was spearheaded by the non-profit animal shelter assistance organization called LA Animal Alliance (www.laanimalalliance.org) and is powered by the Jason Debus Heigl Foundation.

"We are thrilled to offer this program in honor of our nation's soldiers, past and present, who have unselfishly served us all so well," said Marcia Mayeda, Director for the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control. "A shelter pet's love is unconditional and irreplaceable."

For more information on this program, animal care center hours, or to view pets online, please visit www.animalcare.lacounty.gov.



The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control is the largest animal care and control agency in the nation. There are six locations - Downey, Baldwin Park, Carson, Castaic, Lancaster and Agoura Hills, plus the Antelope Valley Adoption Center, located in Lancaster.